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(C) On September 8, poloff delivered reftel talking points to Dr. Khaled Al Takhayneh in the Department of International Relations and Organizations at the Jordanian Foreign Ministry. Takhayneh responded that the GOJ would likely support amending the UN convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA) but was unsure how the provisions for boarding ships would be viewed by Jordanians with maritime interests and the Jordanian parliament. His concern was focused on the ship-boarding provision as he feared the language might be difficult for some Jordanians to accept. Takhayneh thought the GOJ position on amending the SUA would not be formulated until the conference to adopt the new provisions is held in late October.

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